

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111  
Serial No. 10/626,675  
Attorney Docket No. 030901

### REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the above-identified application. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2. Claim 2 is cancelled. Claims 8 and 9 are added. Support for claim 8 is found, for example, on page 15, lines 10-13 of the specification. Support for claim 9 is found, for example, by the drawings accompanying the specification (e.g., FIGS. 3-6). Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005. It

Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Patten Jr. et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,099,652).

Claims 1-2 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Goodman et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,454,865).

Claim 1 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Goela et al.* (EP 0434227 A1).

Applicants hereby amend claim 1 to clarify the invention by incorporating the limitations of claim 2. In view of this amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 2.

Anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference the disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim. However, neither *Patten Jr. et al.* nor *Goodman et al.* describe, for example, the shapes of “gas supply channel” and “gas discharge channel”. For instance, the gas supply channels disclosed in *Patten Jr. et al.* and

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*Goodman et al.* do not have a shape that is, “adapted to supply a gas into the wafer pocket as the susceptor rotates”. Also, the gas discharge channels disclosed in *Patten Jr. et al.* and *Goodman et al.* do not have a shape that is, “adapted to discharge the gas present in the wafer pocket as the susceptor rotates”. Neither *Patten Jr. et al.* nor *Goodman et al.* discloses a configuration in which gas is supplied into the wafer pocket and is discharged from the wafer pocket according to the rotating action of the susceptor. Therefore, the anticipation rejections are not supported by the cited art and should be withdrawn.

As discussed above, Claims 8 and 9 are hereby added. Applicants submit that, in view of the remarks above, these claims are distinguished from the cited art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow these claims.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicant submits that that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

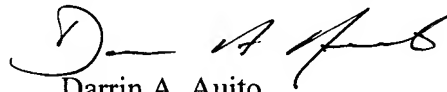
If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant’s undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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